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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON STANDARDIZATION¹

The Council on Standardization has proceeded actively, along the lines set forth in its report² of June, 1921, with its 17 committees in which a few changes in the personnel have been made.

Reports at this meeting will be made by the following committees:

Industrial Wastes in Relation to Water Supply

Water Shed Protection

Standard Specifications for Cast Iron Pipe and Specials

Physical Standards for Distribution Systems

Meter Schedules

Standard Methods of Water Analyses

Colloid Chemistry in Relation to Water Purification

Testing of Materials and Supplies

None of these reports is final but they are offered for the information of the members to show the present status of each respective subject according to the judgment of the committee members, and especially for the important purpose of facilitating discussion.

The Council has established the custom of requesting each committee to prepare a brief summary setting forth the status of the subject which they are handling. To promote ready discussion each chairman in reporting for his committee has been instructed to present a summary embodying the views of his committee and to move that the same be printed in the JOURNAL.

Progress reports have been received by Council from its other committees, some of which have information in shape for early use were it considered feasible or desirable by the Council to call upon them for discussion at this meeting. It is felt, however, that the program is amply filled and that it is more important to discuss the reports on the program rather than to present additional reports at this time.

The Council has established the custom of requiring quarterly reports of all its committees. The time has now been reached when it is essential for the Council to have progress reports reviewed in

¹Presented before the Philadelphia Convention, May 17, 1922. Report adopted and the Council continued.

²See JOURNAL, September, 1921, page 535.

the JOURNAL after approval by it, so that they can be discussed at section meetings in various parts of the country. Criticism and exchange of views can thus be more satisfactorily handled than at annual meetings where only a limited discussion can be given reports, as compared with what would be procured at both annual and section meetings, particularly after there is opportunity for members to study the reports as published in tentative form.

The Council has encouraged committees to report their findings regardless of whether there is unanimity of opinion or not. Where different views have been encountered the committees have been asked to record such facts on the basis that such record would promote discussion and add value to the report rather than by attempting to eliminate or delay matters until differences of opinion disappeared.

In connection with this policy it should be made plain that the Council believes in proceeding cautiously and in not adopting resolutions of approval, except in a tentative way, until a thorough exchange of views has been secured. This will take time but it is believed that it will result in enhancing the value of the committee reports and the standing of the JOURNAL, as well as the prestige of the Association.

To carry out this program of prompt and full discussion of reports between annual meetings it will be necessary for the Publication Committee to devote considerable space in the JOURNAL to Council matters. While this may add somewhat to the expense of publication, the Council feels assured, from the contact which it has had with various members of the Association and other water works men not now members of the Association, that it will be to the lasting advantage of the Association to proceed along these lines.

The Committee on Abstracts, consisting of Messrs. A. L. Fales, J. N. Chester, F. C. Jordan, R. S. Weston and Abel Wolman, has completed its work of organizing a department of abstracts for the JOURNAL. In the JOURNAL for September, 1921, page 537, this Committee reported the program it had undertaken. Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Abstracts and with the approval of the Council it was decided to appoint Mr. Frank Hannan of Toronto as Abstractor in Chief. Mr. Hannan accepted this appointment on February 9, and with the aid of the Committee on Abstracts has effected a permanent corps of about 20 abstractors. Coöperation has also been effected with other organizations doing similar work, particularly "Chemical Abstracts," the editor of

which has kindly consented to the use in our JOURNAL of such abstracts as desired, provided credit is given to the source of the abstracts as used.

Arrangements have also been made for securing abstracts of interest to members of the Association as given in the Bulletins of the U. S. Public Health Service, Department of Public Health Engineering.

The Council considers that this branch of the work is now well under way under the guidance of Mr. Hannan and with the aid of those abstractors whose names will appear after the abstracts as printed in the JOURNAL. With this successful termination of its work the Council has accepted the final report of the Committee on Abstracts and looks forward to a growing record in the JOURNAL of useful information of this character.

During the past year the Council has spent \$144.88 and it has requested that the Finance Committee include for the use of Council an item of \$2000.00 in the budget for the next fiscal year.

Already the council has found occasion to deal with a number of other organizations in a coöperative way in the field of standards. These include the American Society of Testing Materials, the U. S. Bureau of Standards, the U. S. Geological Survey, the Engineering Standards Council, the American Public Health Association, and the New England Water Works Association.

It is the intention of Council to deal with various water works topics that are of interest in particular to the practical water works man. Work of the past year has dealt to a considerable extent with the quality of water. This is due mainly to the activities of committees and members engaged in such work, but it is the purpose hereafter of Council to have four or five committees prepare reports for each annual meeting, so arranged as to cover various branches of the water works field.

Later reports from each committee will be required in order to sum up the results of the discussions of its earlier reports. Detailed reports will not be required each year of all committees and the rate of progress will depend on actual happenings in each field and the discussion of them by the members of the Association.

Special attention at this Convention is required on the subject of Standard Methods of Water Analyses and Water Standards.

On May 15 the U. S. Public Health Service organized at Washington an Advisory Committee on Official Water Standards. Four sub-committees were appointed, namely, bacteriological; chemical

and physical; field survey; and standards' appraisal and application. Some forty individual workers attended this meeting and there were also present representatives from American Public Health Association, American Water Works Association, American Chemical Society, American Society of Bacteriologists, American Railway Association, American Medical Association, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Association for Municipal Improvements, Association of Official Agricultural Chemists, Conference of State and Provincial Health Authorities, Conference of State Sanitary Engineers and representatives from the following Government organizations: U. S. Geological Survey, Bureau of Chemistry, War Department, Navy Department, Bureau of Standards, Bureau of Fisheries, and U. S. Public Health Service.

As the scope of this work relates to activities which have been under consideration by the committees of this Association and in which movement many of its members are vitally interested, the members of the American Water Works Association present at Washington announced the keen interest of this Association in the undertaking and pledged the support of our Association to it.

This important movement should stimulate several of the Committees now at work under the Council to activities on perhaps a somewhat broader scale than hitherto, and details of a program of procedure to this end should be decided upon at this Convention.

Coöperative work on this nation-wide movement means not only activity on the part of those who work in these special fields but it also means that careful preparation should be made for presenting the results of such efforts in an efficient way to the central organization at Washington.

In view of the number of recent discussions as to relative merits of steel pipe as compared with other materials for certain types of pipe lines, the Council has decided to appoint a committee to consider the subject of steel pipe lines. The personnel consists of the following: Messrs. Theodore A. Leisen, chairman; Allen W. Cuddeback; G. G. Dixon; J. W. Ledoux; Leonard Metcalf; Charles T. Bragg; and H. Seaver Jones.

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